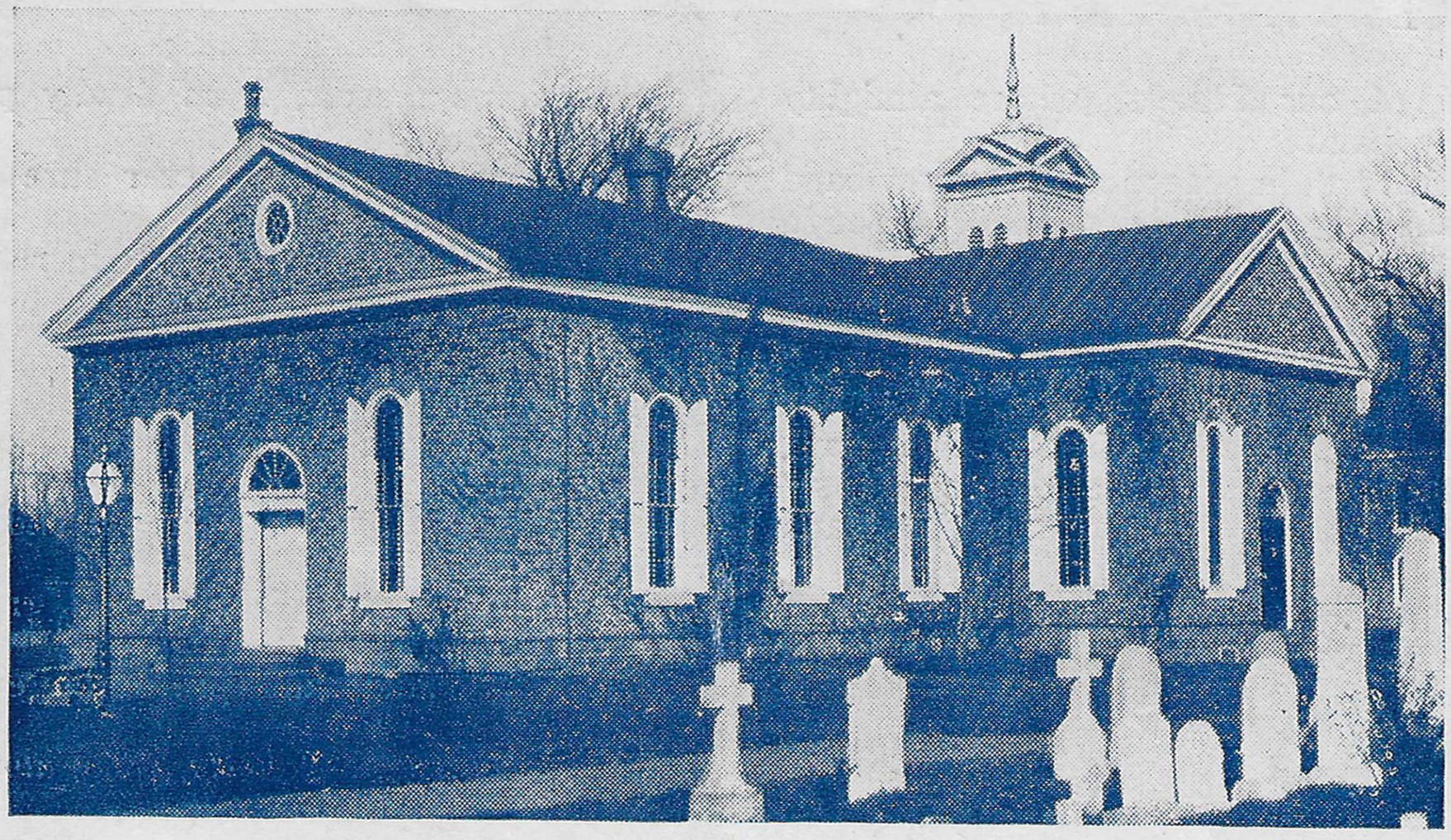

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# *A Diocesan Day Service of Thanksgiving*

COMMEMORATING

## THE 300th ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

## *Landing of the Swedes*
## *and the*
## *178th Anniversary of St. James' Swedish Church*

Sunday, June 5th, 1938 - 3 P. M.

St. James' (Old Swedes), 68th at Woodland Avenue

PHILADELPHIA

REV. WILLIAM ROBERTS, B.D., RECTOR

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 430

1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining words in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine. Amen.

*Daniel C. Roberts, 1876, abr.*

## PSALM 136—*Confitemini*

1. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: * and his mercy endureth for ever.

2. O give thanks unto the God of all gods: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

3. O thank the Lord of all lords: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

4. Who only doeth great wonders: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

5. Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

6. Who laid out the earth above the waters: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

7. Who hath made great lights: * for his mercy endureth for ever:

8. The sun to rule the day: * for his mercy endureth for ever;

9. The moon and the stars to govern the night: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

10. Who led his people through the wilderness: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

11. Who remembered us when we were in trouble: * for his mercy endureth for ever;

12. And hath delivered us from our enemies: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

13. Who giveth food to all flesh: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

14. O give thanks unto the God of heaven: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

15. O give thanks unto the Lord of lords: * for his mercy endureth for ever.

## LESSON—Ecclesiasticus 14:1-15

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CREED AND PRAYERS

ADDRESS OF WELCOME—Frank W. Melvin,
Chairman of Tercentenary Commission

ADDRESS—Amandus Johnson, Ph.D.,
Curator, American Swedish Museum

SERMON HYMN 494

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear thy voice, O Son of man.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of thy tears.

3 From tender childhood's helplessness,
From woman's grief, man's burdened toil.
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
Thy heart hath never known recoil.

4 The cup of water given for thee
Still holds the freshness of thy grace;
Yet long these multitudes to see
The sweet compassion of thy face.

5 O Master, from the mountain side,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;

6 Till sons of men shall learn thy love,
And follow where thy feet have trod;
Till glorious from thy heaven above,
Shall come the City of our God.
Amen.

*Frank Mason North, 1905*

ADDRESS—Rev. Paul Luther Haegstrom,
Pastor of Zion Swedish Lutheran Church, Augustana Synod

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—Hark! Hark! My soul.—[*Shelley*]

CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

RECESSIONAL 539

1 Through the night of doubt and sorrow
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Singing songs of expectation,
Marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
Gleams and burns the guiding light:
Brother clasps the hand of brother,
Stepping fearless though the night.

2 One, the light of God's own presence,
O'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Brightening all the path we tread:
One, the object of our journey,
One, the faith which never tires,
One, the earnest looking forward,
One, the hope our God inspires:

3 One, the strain the lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One, the march in God begun:
One, the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the One Almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore.

4 Onward, therefore, pilgrim brothers,
Onward, with the cross our aid!
Bear its shame, and fight its battle,
Till we rest beneath its shade!
Soon shall come the great awaking;
Soon the rending of the tomb;
Then the scattering of all shadows,
And the end of toil and gloom!

*Danish; Bernhard S. Ingemann, 1825*

# HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Corner or Foundation Stone was laid August 5, 1762. In reference to which, Rev. Dr. Henry Melichor Muhlenberg, sometimes called the Patriarch of American Lutheranism, in his diary states:

"Sunday, August 1, 1762.

In the evening I also had a visit from Mr. Wrangel; I also had to make a visit. At forenoon today the public was invited for next Thursday to Kingsess, over the Schuylkill to attend the laying of the foundation stone of a Swedish Lutheran Church.

"Thursday, August 5, 1762.

In the morning at 8 o'clock I journeyed over the Schuylkill to Kingsess. Rev. Mr. Borrell commenced by offering the regular prayer and then read the 136th Psalm. Afterward the Mr. Provost preached a sermon. Then the trustees, the Provost and remaining preachers formed a procession. The Mr. Provost made a short address. Esquire Coultas read the written matter and laid the same in the stone and the Mr. Provost laid the stone explaining under which religion, doctrine, and form of government this church had been built, and gave it the name, St. James' Church.

Thereupon the rest of the clergymen, the trustees, and I briefly bid them farewell. For the close we sang, Der Herr ist noch und nimmer nicht von seinem Volk geschieden, etc. (The Lord is never far away throughout all grief distressing, etc.) I arrived home about 5 o'clock."

The original manuscript diary (written in German) from which the above is quoted, has never been translated in full or published and is now in the possession of the Kranth Memorial Library of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.